



TIMES

Figure 1. Winter 2018 NEWA testing at Sherman. Note the three adults in the background. From left to right: Terry Longenecker, Technology Coordinator and teachers Tom Colley and Harry Pappo, mathematics.



From Vern's Desk

We welcome students, staff, parents, guardians, and friends to a new exciting year at Sherman. This year we will keep readers informed of campus happenings through this newsletter. Students started their journeys back to Sherman on January 1st and 2nd, and by the 3rd classes were in full swing. On Tuesday, January 9th the BIE Human Capital Management Team visited the Sherman campus. The goal of their visit was to better understand our school's culture and importance to the Native American community and to review the strengths and needs of our school.

This month Science Teachers Helen Bonner, Cynthia DeMone, and Vernon Shattuck attended the Next Generation Science Standards Leadership Conference in Rancho Cucamonga, California. Participants at this conference discussed the implementation of the Next Generation Science Standards in California classrooms.

In January we again evaluated our students using the Northwest Evaluation Association (NWEA) test in English, Math, and Science (Fig. 1). We use this test to measure student strengths, weaknesses, and growth through the academic year. Data from the NWEA test allows teachers to prepare lesson plans that better accommodate student learning.

National Teaching Certification

National Board Certification is recognized as the gold standard in teaching. It is the most advanced professional credential available to American teachers. Only about three percent of the K-12 teachers in the United States are National Board Certified. This certification involves a rigorous one to three-year process where candidates demonstrate and are scored on the subject area that they teach and on advanced teaching skills and practices in authentic settings with students.

Since 2014 the Bureau of Indian Education has provided mentoring and financial support to BIE educators interested in pursuing National Board Certification. The goal of this program is to increase accomplished teaching in the 183 BIE schools across 23 states thereby improving student achievement in classrooms. In December 2017, 23 BIE educators in the United States achieved National Board Certification bringing the total in the BIE to about 34. Sherman is fortunate to have two National Board Certified Teachers (NBCT) on staff along with four other teachers currently pursuing National Certification.

Sherman Football Players Honored

Sherman High students Wishteyah Cutlass (quarterback/linebacker), Josh Barlow (offensive line/linebacker), Robert Onley (defensive back/wide receiver) and Wilkin Ray (running back/linebacker) were honored this month by being selected to participate in the Riverside County Small School All-Star Football Game.

Upcoming Activities

April 20 – Miss Sherman Pageant and Sherman Showcase

April 21 – Annual Powwow at the Ira Hayes Football Stadium

Weekly Student Schedule January 15 - 20, 2018

Monday

1:00pm – 6:00pm Clarke Center Open for Gods Eye yarn project.

6:00pm – 7:00pm Indigenous Language Center is open Apache Language study group.

7:00pm Fancy Shawl and Drum Practice at Bennett Hall

Tuesday

SIM Open 1:00pm to 4:00pm

3:30 -4:30pm – Indigenous Fashion and Design Classroom open for on-going projects

5:00pm – Yoga workshop in Bennett Hall

4:00pm –Clarke Center is open for on-going craft projects.

5:00pm-6:00pm Language Center open for Kiowa Language study group

I.R.G. Activities:

CCC is open for Arts and Craft **God's Eye** yarn projects & Drum, Gourd Rattle practice outside

Wednesday

SIM Open 1:00pm to 4:00pm

3:30 -4:30pm – Indigenous Fashion and Design Classroom and Language Center is open for on-going projects and research.

4:00pm –Clarke Center is open for on-going craft projects.

4:00pm Guitar Lessons at Clarke Culture Center with the Miracle Dolls.

5:00pm-6:00pm Language Center open for Cahuilla Language study group

I.R.G. Activities:

Powwow Night: **7:00-8:30pm** – Drum, dance, fun contests and Bird Singing and dancing

Thursday

SIM Open 1:00pm to 4:00pm

3:30 -4:00pm – Indigenous Fashion and Design Classroom and Language Center is open for on-going projects and research.

4:00pm –Clarke Center is open for on-going craft **God's Eye** yarn Projects.

4:00pm-8:00pm Daughters of Tradition off campus to San Manuel for meeting, 2 SUVs with 14 girls.

Friday

3:30 -4:30pm – Indigenous Fashion and Design Classroom open for on-going projects

4:45pm - Smudge Circle at fire circle at Clarkes at 5:00pm **CCC** Open until last check-in

Saturday

8:00am Rummage Sale on Lawn Area near Clarke Center and back gate.

4:00-7:00pm Cherokee Community Meeting and Potluck in Bennett Hall, staff and students are welcome!



Cross-Country Team



Varsity: Left to right— Eugene Cruz, Lambert Flores, George Francisco, Coach Ken Taylor, Ellis Parthoon, Richard Trujillo, Duane Kohna, Larry Ruff



Figure 2. Upper Left & Upper Right: Trophy case and team trophy on display at the Sherman Museum. Middle Left: Early 1930's group picture of some Sherman dirt-pounders. Middle Right: A young and proud coach Ken Taylor (4th from left) posing with one of his award-winning cross country teams. Lower Left: Business as usual - Sherman runners at the front of a 1970's running event. Lower Right: Long distance runner and coach Fred Martinez.

Over 100 Years of Running Excellence

Within the Sherman Museum rests an old wooden case packed with numerous historical athletic trophies (Fig 2.). Some of these trophies are associated with Sherman's famous long-distance running program. Long distance running has been in the blood of many Sherman student-athletes. Sherman's long-distance program has produced many champions over the years and the success of Sherman runners continues today.

Phillip Zeymore was a Sherman runner and member of the Hopi Tribe of Arizona. In 1912 he helped bring public attention to Sherman's running program by romping his way

to victory over 150 other runners in the Los Angeles Marathon. During these early years Sherman was acknowledged to have some of the best marathon runners (or "dirt-pounder" as marathon runners were called back then) on the Pacific Coast if not the United States. Under the guidance of legendary coach Bert Jamison, Sherman runners in the 1920's and 30's took home numerous cups, plaques, and medals while competing against some of the best long-distance runners and teams in the Western United States (Fig 2.). It is noteworthy that many of Sherman's long-distance runner have come from

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the Hopi Tribe of Arizona. This tribe has produced many champion Sherman runners over the years.

The success of the Sherman boys and girls long-distance running programs continued in the 1970's and 1980's under the watchful eyes of Coach Ken Taylor (Fig. 2). Coach Taylor became one of the most successful cross country coaches in California winning ten boys Southern Section CIF cross country team championships and a State Championship during his tenure.

Since 1988 Coach Tom Colley has guided Sherman long-distance runners (Fig 3.). Coach Colley was the 1976 State Community Champion in the 1500 meters while competing at San Bernardino College. In 1977 he captured the NCAA 1500-meter championship while attending Occidental College. Mr. Colley has coached Sherman cross country runners to both CIF Southern Section and State Championships. Last year his boys cross country team won the Arrowhead League Championship while the girls team was Co-League Champions. Male runners Deandre John, Lupan Gatewood, and Orion Cattleman earned 1st team All-League Honors while Libby Atene

earned 1st team All-Female Honors (Fig 3.). Deandre John was selected 2017 Most Valuable Arrowhead League male cross country runner.

One of the best kept secrets outside our Athletic Department during the past five years has been the Sherman student running program. This program was organized by Sherman staff member and former Riverside Police Detective Fred Martinez. Fred's program is year-round and includes some of our school's cross country runners. However, his team also welcomes Sherman students who may not be able to make the cross country teams and students at risk. Fred's program provides a structured physical outlet for students within an environment of discipline and respect. Students can set running goals regardless of how fast or slow the time and strive to achieve them. Fred is not only the coach but is also a mentor to his runners as he enlightens them about life beyond Sherman and motivates them to become leaders instead of followers. Each year his running program attracts 30 or more students who compete in 15-20 running tournaments. Interestingly, in most cases the funding for Fred's school program comes out of his own

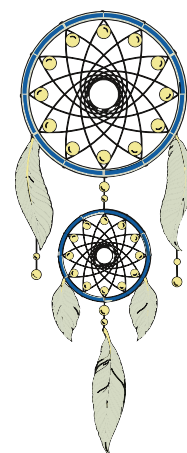
pocket. However, this is of little concern to Fred. As he explains, "When I was growing up in Riverside the community and various people gave me positive support and opportunities to succeed. This running program is my way of giving back to the community and Sherman. I do not worry about the money, it is giving back that is important to me."

It is evident that Fred's runners also give back to him. Over the past five years over 200 Sherman runners have competed in his program and have captured over 300 medals at various Southern California running events. On April 9, 2017 at the XTERRA Black Mountain Trail Run in San Diego where over 3,000 long-distance runners competed Sherman became the first high school in the event's history to capture the top first 3 places in both the girls and boys divisions. For good measure Fred also placed 1st in his age bracket at this meet. Fred is just one of many unsung heroes that are making a difference at Sherman.

The current programs of Coach Colley and Fred continue to add to the championship legacy of Sherman's long-distance runners.



Figure 3. Coach Tom Colley (center) with his top 2017 female and male cross country runners; Libby Atene (left) and Deandre John (right).



Facilities Management

The Facility Management Department plays a vital role at Sherman. This department maintains and enhances the infrastructure at our schools. Besides maintaining all buildings and the 88 acres of our campus Facilities is involved with environment, health, and safety issues, fire safety, security, testing and inspection schedules, cleaning, and space allocation. Facilities employs 19 seasonal workers including 6 on the custodial staff. The head of this department is Leroy Tewahaftewa (Fig 4.). Mr. Tewahaftewa (he is called Mr. T. around campus) is a member of the Hopi Tribe of Arizona. Prior to coming to Sherman in 1991, Staff Sergeant Tewahaftewa served 15 years in the United States Marine Corps. It seems like the campus is always presenting Mr. T and his staff new and interesting challenges. This is due to the dynamic aspect of our aging school campus. The most challenging situations for him arise from those late-night phone calls he receives informing him that something vital has malfunctioned and has to be repaired or replaced immediately. In these cases we are glad that Mr. T never fails to answer his phone.

Figure 4. *Top Right:* A concerned Mr. T departing to a campus task.
Bottom Left & Right: Outside views of the Facility Management buildings.



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